

Coire Uaine nearly down to the level of the Loch a' Coire Uaine. It would seem that in Britain, where we have mountains only just high enough to support populations of *crassipes*, local climatic differences affect its distribution profoundly.

Benson (1958: 203) records *crassipes* from the arctic-alpine zones of the "mountains in the Lake District, in Snowdonia, in the Grampians, on Ben Laoghal in Sutherland and on the Island of Rhum". This is its distribution on *Salix herbacea*. He added (Benson, 1959) a record from *Salix myrsinites* L. at Inchnadampf NNR, Sutherland. I do not know of any previous published records from Wester Ross. Benson collected on Slioch, by Loch Maree, but does not mention having found *crassipes* there: I regard the fact that Benson collected on the south-facing side of Slioch as significant. Apart from *Salix herbacea* and *S. myrsinites*, *crassipes* is also found on *S. arbuscula* L. and *S. lapponum* L. in Britain.

A few other insects were observed during my visit. The first *Dolerus aeneus* Hartig (Hym., Tenthredinidae) were flying in sheltered spots at sea-level. These were all males and had probably just emerged. Galls of *Euura atra* (Tenthredinidae) and *Rhabdophaga salicis* (Dipt., Cecidomyiidae) occurred together in stems of *Salix atrocinerea* Brot. at Shiel Bridge. On the evening of 31st March, a Sword Grass moth dived into my hair in a wild attempt to evade a bat that was chasing it (I would that all insects were so obliging!). One nymph of *Tetrix undulata* (Sowerby) (Orthoptera, Tettigonidae), a local species in Scotland, was found on the beach at the head of Loch Duich. While walking to the Saddle, a male *Meloe violaceus* Marsham was taken. It was resting on a sandy footpath at the head of the Allt a' Coire Uaine (500m.).

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A THIRD SPECIMEN OF RHYACIA SIMULANS (HUFN.) IN KENT. — A worn specimen of this noctuid was taken in my garden trap on the night of 14th September 1980, the third record of this species for Kent. It is interesting that both the other specimens have occurred within the last two years — the first near Faversham (Watkinson, *Ent. Rec.*, **90**: 324), and the second at Wilmington (Butcher, *Ent. Rec.*, **91**: 316). — PAUL SOKOLOFF, Orpington, Kent.